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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PORS CASC GT
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF DUAL NATIONAL US-Guatemalan CITIZEN

REF: GUATEMALA 1425

1. EDMUNDO BROL RELEASED AROUND 10:30 A.M. TODAY ABOUT
ONE BLOCK FROM HOUSE OF HIS SON-IN-LAW RALPH GRIFFIN,
EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER.

2. INITIAL PRELIMINARY REPORT RECEIVED IN HASTE FROM
GRIFFIN WHO IS WITH FAMILY AT THIS TIME INDICATES BROL
HAS LOST A GREAT DEAL OF WEIGHT, PERHAPS TWENTY-THIRTY
POUNDS AND THAT HE WAS BEATEN UP AT VARIOUS TIMES BY
KIDNAPPERS, ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS GIVEN MEDICAL
ATTENTION INCLUDING INTRAVENOUS FEEDING OF GLUCOSE.
BROL WAS KEPT AT WELL EQUIPPED GUERRILLA CAMP AT TOP
OF MOUNTAIN WHICH HE BELIEVES TO BE TACANA
NEAR MEXICAN BORDER. HE WAS BROUGHT DOWN MOUNTAIN BY FOOT
YESTERDAY MORNING AT DAWN AND TRANSPORTED TO GUATEMALA
CITY YESTERDAY IN A CLOSED VAN WHICH IRONICALLY WAS
STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES BY POLICE FOR CHECKING OF
DOCUMENTATION.

3. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN THEY
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BECOME AVAILABLE. BOTH EDMUNDO BROL
AND HIS WIFE HAVE SPOKEN BY PHONE THIS MORNING TO
MRS. GRIFFIN IN HOUSTON.
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